

Applicants' undersigned attorney thanks Examiner Nash for the courtesies and thoughtful treatment afforded during an interview conducted by telephone on October 26, 2005. During the interview, it was agreed that the current claim language as it stands overcomes the applied art of record, including U.S. Patent 5,905,872 (DeSimone).

More specifically, as discussed during the interview, the invention involves a selection of a manner of data transfer, including a selection of a direct transfer using a direct connection between a network computer and another computer, or a referential transfer to the network computer from a network server using a reference to the network server supplied by the other computer.

In contrast, DeSimone does not make a selection of a manner of data transfer, but rather makes a determination of whether a connection between a client 201 and a server 206 is a direct connection via proxy 203 or a connection via the Internet. However, regardless of the manner of DeSimone's connection, and even though a connection might go through proxy 203, DeSimone's data transfer remains always between client 201 and server 206. Thus, DeSimone does not make a selection of the manner of data transfer, for the reason that in the invention's referential transfer, the transfer is between the network computer and a network server, and not between the network computer and the other computer.

The Examiner agreed that DeSimone does not make a selection of the manner of data transfer, including a selection of a direct transfer or a referential transfer, and therefore agreed to withdraw the rejection upon filing of this formal request. The Examiner would not agree that the claims were allowable, however, and indicated that

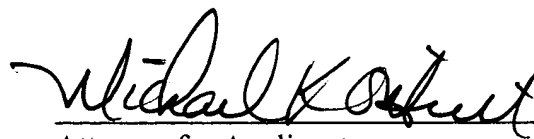
further search and consideration would be needed. On the other hand, the Examiner agreed that it would not be necessary to file an RCE in order to obtain such further consideration and search.

Based on the agreements reached at the interview, it is respectfully requested for the Examiner to withdraw the final rejection of the claims, to conduct further searching and/or consideration of the claims as they stand, and to issue a new action on the merits.

Regarding a formal matter involving the drawings, it is respectfully requested for the Examiner to indicate that the formal drawings filed on October 12, 2001 have been approved.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. O'Neill", is written over a horizontal line.

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